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115 NEW STUDENTS.

College Springs Surprise in Entering Class. Over 20 Per Cent. Gain. Opening Address by President Thomas. List of Freshman Class.

The entering class of Middlebury College exceeded expectations and is larger than any estimates that had been given out. The opening exercises were held Thursday morning at 8:45 and were attended by 108 Freshmen, 60 men and 48 women, 20 more than the Freshmen present at the opening a year ago. Several more are expected to join the class a little later. In addition seven new students in the upper classes were present at the opening and there are more to come.

The opening was held in the McCullough Gymnasium. The entire Faculty of thirty-three instructors was present, except Prof. McFarland, who is still at the military camp at Plattsburg. The student body numbered 320, which is 18 larger than the attendance the first day last year. The college is making a net gain for the eleventh consecutive year, a remarkable record.

Noteworthy is the proportion of students from Vermont, 44 out of the 108 tabulated by the registrar. Massachusetts comes next with 23. There are 12 from New York, eight from Connecticut, seven from New Hampshire, six from New Jersey, two from Maine, and one from Rhode Island. Other States represented are Pennsylvania, Ohio, and California. Cuba and Columbia send each one student.

Several important announcements were made at the opening. Hereafter the men and women will meet together in a chapel service each morning, instead of the separate services held for some years past. This is necessary because neither the old chapel or the lecture room in Warner Hall is large enough for the separate services. The Mead Memorial Chapel will be finished in a few months, and as a joint chapel exercise was planned when it could be held in the new building, the Faculty thought best to open the year with the new arrangement. For the present the morning chapel will be held in the gymnasium.

A chapel service will also be held every Sunday at 5 p. m., required of all students except those excused by the Deans for urgent reasons. President Thomas explained that this would be a chapel service, not sectarian, and that students were urged still to attend the churches of their choice in the village, although such attendance would not be required. Until the Mead Memorial Chapel is completed the Sunday chapel services will be held in the gymnasium. They will be open to the public.

OPENING ADDRESS.

The opening address was by President Thomas. He took for his subject, "The Old Record and the New Day," and said in part:

"Every student admitted to our number today has submitted a record of four years of preparatory work. That record has been scrutinized carefully and upon the basis of it the Faculty of the college, through its Admission Committee, has determined the student's fitness to pursue college work. Credentials are often accompanied by a letter something like this—'I am unable to certify him in several subjects, but I think he is more serious and ambitious now, and I hope you will see your way to admit him.' Sometimes an alumnus or a business associate of the applicant's father, writes most urgent letters asking that the student be given a chance notwithstanding previous deficiencies, just one opportunity to redeem himself and show what he can do."

"It is hard to turn a deaf ear to such appeals, but very wisely our Admission Committee pay little attention to optimistic prophecies based on general considerations. They have learned by sad experience that fourteen A's and B's in a high school record are worth many quires of general admiration. Their business is to scan the record, as the judges watch the tape at the finish of a race, indifferent to the shouts from the grandstand. The only safe guide as to what a student will do in college is what he has already done in school. Not what his friends think and hope, not even what they pray for, is the index of what the college student will do, but the figures which summarize his ability and industry in his previous endeavors."

"In adopting this principle of judging by the record the college is only following the practice of individuals and organizations in the world outside. Fidelity and bonding companies, which risk millions of dollars on the honesty of officials and employees, base their

decisions on facts in the records of those for whom they stand.

"A shrewd man of affairs will have nothing to do with a man of criminal record, or who has ever proved unworthy in a position of trust, or one who has ever made a failure in any capacity. Such men will tell you that you must shut your ears and steel your heart against sympathy and pity, and place no reliance upon anything except the cold facts of what men have done or failed to do."

"Perhaps you would be profited by an extract from a letter of inquiry I answered a few weeks ago. It came from one of the largest business corporations in the country and related to a man who graduated in 1912. This letter says—'What we like to know in regard to the young men coming with us might be covered after a fashion by the following:

1. Trustworthiness and general character.
2. Alertness of mind.
3. Ability to plan ahead any work they may undertake.
4. Ability to put through what is planned.
5. Tendency to get at the bottom of things.
6. Ability to discriminate between the essentials and non-essentials in results of an experiment.
7. Neatness and accuracy of work.
8. Executive ability.
9. Do people with whom he is thrown in contact like him?
10. Better fitted for factory or laboratory position?
11. For routine work or research?
12. Has he been selected by his fellow students for positions of prominence in college affairs?"

"It seems to me that this letter is unusually discriminating. It seeks all the facts, but the corporation evidently proposes to go a little beneath the surface of the record. There is an attempt to discover the promise of the man, a promise which his performances in student days did not in all respects indicate. There is something more than the bare figures of the record after all. A man may be learning method while the creations of hand, judged by absolute standards, present a sorry picture. There is such a thing as feeling and groping after powers, which elude one through many a sad failure, but which he finally grips firm in some great day of triumph. Paul, the apostle of the freedom of the spirit, had a consistent record of some forty years as a bigoted and narrow Pharisee. Francis Xavier spent his youth in unseemly excesses and turned in a day to the severest rigors of abstinence. Charles James Fox was a roystering gambler and became the most far-seeing English statesman of his day. James Russell Lowell was justly disciplined by Harvard College and lived to be one of its most honored sons and one of the noblest and useful Americans. Instances crowd the pages of biography, and the shrewd man of the world who will never make a trial of a man who has stained his escutcheon can be proved in error from innumerable instances."

"A man's record may be significant, but there is such a thing as breaking the record, as getting away from moods that have kept one untrue to his better self and breaking habits that have fastened on one in periods of depression and carelessness. A record exists only to be broken; it is a mark to go beyond, and it serves its purpose only as a challenge to do better. The growth of a man is not by accretion, by taking on a little more of the same quality and constituency year after year. New motives come into view, new ideals and ambitions. From other lives we catch altogether different notions of the possibilities of manhood, the things that are worth while, the real values of life and the methods needful to attain them. A college education is not to add a certain quantity of knowledge of subjects already pursued, or even to introduce one to new fields in much the same way and to the same end as one has been brought to other subjects before. It is rather to start new forces to working and to awaken new powers by means of wider visions and loftier ideals. The principal goal of education in its advanced stages is the cultivation of the will. It is the development of personality we are after, the making of men and women who not only have power to break with their own past, but to help the world to break

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